GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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MINING SURVEYS BY PRIVATE INVESTORS
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have refused permission to private investors to carry out airborne geophysical surveys with aircraft flying at a height less than 120 meters;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have considered its impact on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in mining sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures undertaken for helping private sector in mining surveys ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): No Sir. As per the information furnished by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), permission for low flying is granted subject to necessary conditions such as minimum flying experience of the pilot and co-pilot, weight restriction etc. DGCA has granted permission to several private investors in the recent past to carry out airborne geophysical surveys at a flying height of less than 120 metres.

(b) to (e): Does not arise.